



Saint Louis Audubon Bulletin

VOL. 18, No. 2

JUNE, 1949

AUDUBON AWARDS

At the April 26 Screen Tour, on Audubon's birthday, announcement was made of the annual Audubon awards. A one hundred dollar scholarship to Audubon Nature Camp was awarded to Miss Frances Pickel, in recognition of her influence as a leader and devotion to the cause of conservation.

The Junior Audubon Silver Cup was awarded to the Osage Hills School.

A set of bird song records was presented to the Missouri School for the Blind and accepted by two students.

James Earl Comfort received a special book award for his contributions to knowledge of bird habitats in this area.

Twelve boys and girls were awarded Scholarship Memberships, in recognition of their keen interest in birds and nature: E. Frederick Gain, William Groth, Linus Hoffmeister Jr., Jack Branneky, Vicky Van, Audrey Swoboda, Gail Roan, Kathleen Lange, Peter Bredehoeft, Bobby Bradley, Sue Bremser, John Putney. Book awards went to: David Ayars, Jean Rowley, Billy Lehman, John Seddon Jr.

The St. Louis Audubon Society will again present a series of Screen Tour matinees for St. Louis school children, next season, through the cooperation of the Board of Education.

All these awards were made possible through Loyalty funds, and our members may take pride in having made possible this contribution to civic and cultural life.



E. G. Cherbonnier

NEW OFFICERS

E. G. Cherbonnier, our new President, is an ardent conservationist, and a firm advocate of extending educational work in the field of nature study. A longtime member of our organization, Mr. Cherbonnier has served for several years as Vice President. Bill Kelley, under whose leadership the Club has progressed so steadily these past two years, will continue his efforts on behalf of the Audubon cause as Vice President. His "co-Vice President" is Luther Ely Smith. Secretary is Gordon Hanson. Treasurer: Mrs. Earl H. Hath. Editor: Rex Conyers.

Board members this year are: Dean William G. Bowling, Dr. Hampton L. Carson, Lucien Fouke, Elizabeth Golterman, Leonard Hall, Edward K. Love, J. Marshall Magner, Stratford Lee Morton, Myron Northrop, Waldemar A. Palm, Charles M. Rice, Irma S. Rombauer, Mrs. William Scarlett, Wayne Short, John C. Talbot, Dr. Robert J. Terry, Mrs. Edward J. Walsh, Ethel Wolfe, Mrs. Truman Post Young.

A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

IN MANY WAYS . . . thanks to the loyal energetic work of our members, and especially of our committee people. A record-breaking spring census; bird walks at Shaw's Gardens and Forest Park; field trips, outings, meetings both Screen Tour and Local; and a wonderful crop of up-and-coming new birders, of all ages, now under way!



HOWARD ORIANs

"Wildlife at your Doorstep"

Birds and animals which we can easily know and learn; the fun and beauty in nature near at hand. Delightful film program of wildlife friends.



WILLIAM FERGUSON

"High Horizons"

A Rocky Mountain nature-logue. Birds, animals, Indians. A journey as varied as one from Colorado to northern Canada, adventuring through the Rockies.

PREVIEW POINTERS

This is one year *no one* will want to miss the Audubon programs. All color motion pictures — personally presented by distinguished lecturers of top rank.

Screen Tours will be given at Soldan High School Auditorium, 918 Union Blvd. Four will be on Thursdays; two on Tuesdays. A special attempt has been made to avoid conflict with other civic activities. Local programs are being worked out;

and complete program schedules will be sent out during the summer.

DO TELL your friends about Audubon programs . . . and sign them up! For enrollment blanks, contact any officer of the club.

Meanwhile, it would be most helpful if members would send in Screen Tour and other dues at this time.

10X50 ZEISS BINOCULARS, used, \$75. For sale by James Earl Comfort, 7817 N. Broadway.

BRUCE TANNER, 733 Luckystone, is new supply chairman. Contact him for Ster-

ling Jones "Timetable of Missouri Birds" (25c); Short Check Lists (2 for 5c. 50 for \$1); and Peterson's "How to Know the Birds" (35c).

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON BULLETIN VOL 18 No. 2 June, 1949

OFFICERS

President	E. G. Cherbonnier
Vice-Presidents	Luther Ely Smith William Neal Kelley
Secretary	H. Gordon Hanson
Treasurer	Mrs. Earl H. Hath
Executive Secretary	S. B. Heckler

1207 N. 7th Street — Central 0631

EDITORIAL STAFF

Rex Conyers, Editor

6737 Julian — Delmar 6757

Linus Hoffmeister

James Earl Comfort

ADVANCE SALE — LEONARD HALL BOOK

Leonard Hall has written a book called "Possum Trot Farm, a Country Journal", to be brought out in October in a limited number of copies, at \$3.00. It can be bought through the Service committee. To be sure of getting copies for yourself or as gifts for friends, we recommend sending your order in now, to Syd Heckler, Exec. Sec.



ROGER TORY PETERSON
"The Riddle of Migration"

A "mystery movie" in color — about the mystery of migration. By one of the greatest ornithologists of our time.



LEONARD HALL
"The Web of Life"

Dramatic conservation film and stimulating talk — a Screen Tour by this noted writer, lecturer and conservationist.

Preview of Audubon Screen Tour Stars for 1949-50



TOM & ARLENE HADLEY
"Creation"

Canoe trek into northern Michigan, rich in birds and wildlife. An exciting forest fire, with its aftermath of re-awakening wilderness.



LAUREL REYNOLDS
"Southern Exposures"

In glowing color, action stories of birds and animals of the South Pacific and of Southern United States — by this famous lady from California.



Observations



SPRING CENSUS — WOW! . . . 194 species on one day, Sunday, May 1. That's the combined list for the 50 mile radius. And it breaks the previous record of 187. Just as amazing were the individual lists: in the 140s for Eugene Wilhelm and Jack Van Benthuyzen; and over 125 for: Alberta Bolinger, Bill Bremser, Earl & James Comfort, Ed Hick, Bill Foster, Marshall Magner, Nick Short, Kurt Wesseling, Jim Ziervogel.

Among the "best" birds of the day were: Pigeon Hawk, Krider's Hawk, Blue Grosbeak, Willet, Pine Siskin, Bonaparte's Gull, Virginia Rail, Red-backed and White-rumped Sandpipers. One feature of the complete list is that it did not surpass previous years on the basis of a larger number of *rare* species.

Anyone who hasn't read Earl Comfort's masterpiece on Spring Census, which appeared in *The Bluebird* is missing something. It is called "A Bird's Eye View of a Birder".

☆ ☆ ☆

RARE WARBLER . . . Audubon's, by Jack Van Benthuyzen, April 16, near Webster Groves. Later reported also by Bill Bremser.

☆ ☆ ☆

EVEN RARER WARBLER! . . . the elusive "disappearing" Bachman's Warbler, rumored as having been seen at Des Arc, Mo. If your exploring instinct is aroused, contact Earl Hath, Kirkwood.

"LONG EARS" . . . and smart boys! Jim Ziervogel and Bill Foster were the discoverers of some 15 Long-eared Owls, in a willow thicket at Marais Temps Clair, St. Charles, where many others were able to see them, too, between March 9 and April 1.

☆ ☆ ☆

BLACKBIRD WITH YELLOW HEAD

. . . Yes, a Yellow-headed Blackbird, on April 16. To Ed Hick goes the glory of being able to point it out to his group. Do you suppose this male was looking for the one female which was observed in this area a couple of years ago?

☆ ☆ ☆

NELSON'S SPARROW . . . May 15, near Webster Groves, by: Earl Comfort, Kurt Wesseling, and Jack Van Benthuyzen.

Swainson's Hawk . . . by Alberta Bolinger, at St. Charles, March 19.

☆ ☆ ☆

SCOTERS NOT SCOOTERS . . . two American Scoters, in late February, by Earl Comfort and Jack Van Benthuyzen.

☆ ☆ ☆

OBSERVED WITH GLEE . . . the defeat of the bill which would have sabotaged the effectiveness of our Missouri Conservation Commission.

MORE NATURE ITEMS

The following items have been added by our service committee, during the past few months:

Wildflower Postcards, box of 32 . . . \$1.00
 Airguide Fieldglass, 4 power . . . 10.80
 Frog Call Records, set of 4 . . . 6.50
 Reference Book: Birds of America . . 4.75

Peterson: Western Guide 2.80
 Swain: Insect Guide 2.40
 Wherry: Wildflower Guide 2.40
 Hickey: Guide to Bird Watching . . . 2.80

(Book prices represent a 20% discount to St. Louis Audubon members.) Mail orders to S. B. Heckler, Exec. Sec., 1207 No. 7 St. St. Louis 6, Mo.